

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for management of bearers in a cellular telecommunications system, characterized in that

at least two priority data items are associated with each bearer, the first one of the priority data items having a same value for at least two bearers associated under the same client identity,

decisions whether or not to provide services for a bearer are based at least in part on the value of at least one of said at least two priority data items,

bearers are organized into sets on at least two hierarchical levels and a priority data item is given for each set, and

all bearers associated with the same client identity have the same values of a first priority data item of said at least two priority data items-; and

wherein when considering the denial of services between first and second bearers, the service is denied for the bearer with a lower value of the first priority data item, disregarding their values of a second priority data item, unless the bearers have the same value for the first priority data item, then the service is denied for the bearer with a lower value of a second priority data item.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that one of the hierarchical levels is the level of one bearer, and the sets on that level comprise one bearer.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, characterized in that one of the hierarchical levels is the level of client identity, and the sets on that level comprise the bearers of that client identity.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, characterized in that

at least two sets of decisions on providing service are defined,

a first combination of the priority data items is used in a first set and

a second combination of the priority data items is used in a second set.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the value of the first priority data item is stored in the USIM.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said client identity is the identity of a USIM.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the priority data items is allocated during the bearer setup procedure.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one priority data item is changed during the connection.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9, characterized in that the priority data item is determined by the mobile station.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9, characterized in that the priority data item is determined by the network.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according Claim 1 in a telecommunications system comprising a radio access network, a core network and a mobile equipment wherein

the decisions on whether or not to provide the radio service for the connection are made in the radio access network and

the priority items are stored in the radio access network,

characterized in that

the mobile equipment sends the core network entity controlling the bearer a request to change the value of a priority data item and the core network requests the radio access network to change the value of the priority data item.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that at least a required minimum value for a priority data item is defined and the bearers having a priority data item value smaller than the required minimum priority value are not given resources.

15. (Currently Amended) A cellular telecommunications system, characterized in that for management of bearers

at least two priority data items are arranged to be associated with each bearer, the first one of the priority data items having a same value for at least two bearers associated under the same client identity, decisions whether or not to provide services for a bearer are arranged to be based at least in part on the value of at least one of said at least two priority data items,

bearers are organized into sets on at least two hierarchical levels and a priority data item is given for each set, and

all bearers associated with the same client identity have the same values of a first priority data item of said at least two priority data items-;

wherein when considering the denial of services between first and second bearers, the service is denied for the bearer with a lower value of the first priority data item, disregarding their values of a second priority data item, unless the bearers have the same value for the first priority data item, then the service is denied for the bearer with a lower value of a second priority data item.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A cellular telecommunications system according to Claim 15, characterized in that

at least two sets of decisions on providing service are defined,

a first combination of the priority data items is used in a first set and

a second combination of the priority data items is used in a second set.

18. (Currently Amended) A radio network controller for a cellular telecommunications system, characterized in that for management of bearers it comprises

means for associating at least two priority data items with each bearer, the first one of the priority data items having a same value for at least two bearers associated under the same client identity,

means for making decisions whether or not to provide services for a bearer is based at least in part on the value of at least one of said at least two priority data items, and

wherein bearers are organized into sets on at least two hierarchical levels and a priority data item is given for each set, and all bearers associated with the same client identity have the same values of a first priority data item of said at least two priority data items-; and

further wherein when considering the denial of services between first and second bearers, the service is denied for the bearer with a lower value of the first priority data item, disregarding their values of a second priority data item, unless the bearers have the same value for the first priority data item, then the service is denied for the bearer with a lower value of a second priority data item.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A radio network controller according to Claim 18, characterized in that it comprises

means for defining at least two sets of decisions on providing service,

means for using a first combination of the priority data items in a first set and

means for using a second combination of the priority data items in a second set.